

A regional roundup involving area teams

At Urbana

Mahomet-Seymour extended its regional win streak to seven behind another solid effort from Sarah Forbes, who was second.

"I joke with her that she looks like a giant heart with two legs," M-S coach Bonnie Moxley said.

"She's not lovely to watch run, she's not picturesque like a lot of distance runners. But Sarah just runs with all her heart. She continues to plug away and run incredibly gutsy races."

Josi Parker was third, Hannah Schaap fourth, Amanda Rodriguez eighth and Jessica Butcher ninth for M-S.

Taneya Tuell was seventh, Zita Hubler 10th and Marissa Marrone 14th for Urbana, which was third.

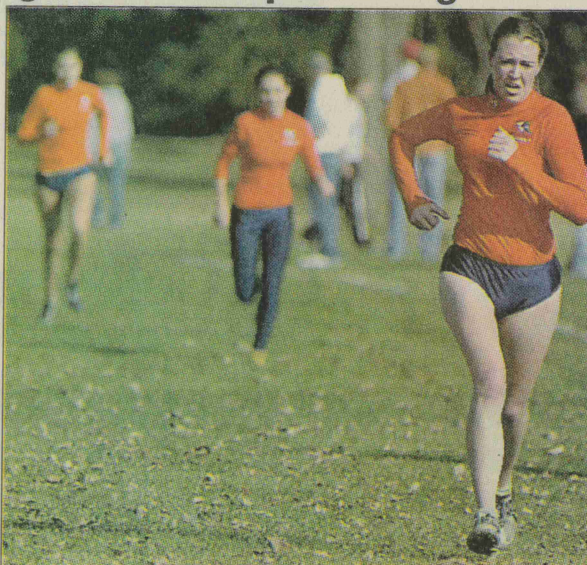
Centennial, led by Britney Harmon, was fifth.

Champaign Central's Rory Mills, Danville's Janelle Hensold and Rantoul's Chelsea Frerichs also advanced.

M-S dominated the boys' race — beating runner-up Centennial by 52 points — as Justin Sebens placed first and Troy Pittman fourth. Devin Lyons, Andrew Kumler and Jacob Mahaffey also broke 18 minutes.

M-S coach Neil Garrison said it was Sebens' first career win.

"He's worked hard for it — he's worked hard for four years," Garrison said. "As you'd expect, he was really excited."



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Mahomet-Seymour's Sarah Forbes (right) finishes second as teammates Josi Parker (middle) and Hannah Schaap (left) coming in third and fourth at Saturday's Class AA regional at Urbana.

Eric Simpson, Nicholas Corso, Michael Brown and Ryan Root broke 18 minutes for the Chargers.

"It was an awesome day," Centennial coach Greg Walters said. "We have not run five guys since the Twin City meet because of injuries and illness. But it's a great group of kids who kept believing and hanging in there. They went crazy when I told them they finished second."

Patrick Mazzocco and Neville McKinnie helped Central move on in fifth.

Rantoul's Connor Millar (second) and Chris Holmes (26th) advanced, as did Danville's Jordan Stipp (19th) and Tyler Ammermann (32).

At Monticello

Brent Rhodes won his first regional title in 16:24 to lead Monticello's boys to a second-place finish behind Bloomington Central Catholic at Lodge Park.

"Brent ran a good race," Monticello coach Jeff Butler said. "We just hope he can continue it. We don't want that to be his best race the next two weeks."

The Sages were boosted by Josh Clark (sixth) and Jack Foley, who was 23rd but "ran the best race of his career," Butler said.

Unity, led by Jacob Kraft and Brice Dodds, was fourth to advance. Bement's Jesse Gifford was ninth to move on individually.

In the girls' race, Aftan Noon won in 18:20 as

Argenta-Oreana placed third. Monticello, led by Kerby Waddell and Elizabeth Shiley, was fifth to advance. Unity's Elsa Reifsteck moved on individually.

At Cowden

Mike Burgess placed fourth as Tuscola's boys finished third at Cowden Park. Matt Best and Nick Moore also ran well for the Warriors.

"It was Mike's best race," Tuscola coach Mark Sweeney said. "This is his first year in cross-country. I think he just figured out that he can keep on going in these races, that he doesn't have to let off. It's too bad he's a senior because he's starting to come around."

Justin Berry led fifth-place Villa Grove. Cedric Blanford, Jake Cohan and David Embry, Arthur's only runners, all moved on individually.

In the girls' race, Emily Walch and Christine Reinhart paced fourth-place Villa Grove. Tuscola's Rachel Brewer (sixth) and Shiloh's Emily Joines (11th), her school's only runner, advanced.

At Seneca

Freshman Belinda Cohen's fifth-place finish helped Hoopston Area place fourth and advance. Sophomore Erika Ramos was seventh for the Cornjerkers.

In the boys' race, Watseka's Nathaniel Bruens was 21st and moved on.